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BULLARD PLEADS FOR APPRENTICES

President of Manufacturers' Association Deplores Lack of System for Training Skilled Workmen.

Refers to Method of Y. M. C. A. Trade School, Where Pupils are Compensated for Time—Civilization Demands More and Better Skilled Artisans.

President E. P. Bullard of the Manufacturers' Association, who was the principal speaker at the dinner of the Interstate Contractors', Builders' and Dealers' Association at the Stratfield last night, made an earnest appeal for the establishment of trade schools and the betterment of conditions for apprentices.

He made it plain that skilled workmen are the most valuable asset of any concern and that Bridgeport in order to keep abreast of the times and maintain her reputation has got to provide a means of educating the boys who want to learn trades. He said that 85 per cent of the boys in this city leave school before they have completed their elementary education and upon entering factories they become what is known as unskilled labor. Unskilled men he said were a liability in every concern.

He told of the Manufacturers' Association trade school for apprentices at the Y. M. C. A., where apprentices are allowed pay for their time. About 45 boys and young men are receiving instruction. President Bullard urged the builders to investigate the school and learn just what is being done in the way of improving the minds of the apprentices in the trades they were pursuing.

The progress of civilization he said, made a demand for more and better skilled workmen, and new inventions and machinery are forcing upon us changing methods constantly, so that there is a constant demand for men to meet the conditions.

Mr. Bullard expressed an opinion that apprenticeship should be founded on certain standards, as some trades require a longer time to learn them. The apprentice, he said, should receive just remuneration for his work. The use of implements should be one of the things taught to an apprentice. In machine shops 85 per cent of the loss came from the lack of care in using tools or to even equip the tools was due to the want of lubrication.

President Bullard said that the spirit which should prevail among employers of labor is that they will foster the apprentice system so that those entering upon a trade may be assured of advancement to that point where they may be competent to be superintendents or to even equip the plant for the business if he wants to embark in it.

During the course of his remarks the speaker said he had read of a prisoner asking the judge to send him to prison so he could learn a trade. This condition he said should not exist in this country.

There were over 250 guests present and among the other speakers were Postmaster Marigold, President Boland of the Business Men's Association, President Orr of the Stamford Assembly, Alton Spotswood Boyce, and Building Commissioner DuBois.

METHODIST DIVINE OF NOTE SECURED

DR. BAGNELL WILL TALK ON "THE GENIUS OF HARD WORK"—WILSON AND WILDER ARE ALSO DOWN FOR SHORT TALKS AT BROTHERHOOD BANQUET.

The fourth annual banquet of the Methodist Brotherhood of Washington Park M. E. church is to be held, as is their usual custom, on Washington's Birthday evening. The men are to be congratulated upon having secured as the principal speaker of the evening, Rev. Dr. Bagnell, of Brooklyn, D. C., present pastor of the James M. E. Church in Brooklyn.

Dr. Bagnell is considered one of the foremost men in the Methodist Ministry. He was for eight years Pastor of the Metropolitan Temple on Seventh Avenue, New York City. His address is to be on the topic, "The Genius of Hard Work."

Alderman Clifford B. Wilson, President of the Common Council will illuminate the topic, "What Brotherhood Men can do for our City."

Presenting Attorney Frank L. Wilder will address the men on a topic of general interest to all. The Brotherhood Glee Club will sing and an orchestra has been secured to render selections during the evening. Rev. Charles Elmore Barto, pastor of the church will act as toastmaster. A local caterer will have the menu in charge and a very interesting entertainment is looked forward to by the men and their friends.

MAURETANIA BREAKS MANY RECORDS ON TRIP

Reaches New York in 4 Days, 17 Hours Over Long Route from Queenstown—Given a Rousing Welcome When She Comes to Her Dock.

(Special from United Press.) New York, Feb. 19.—Delegations of marine interests and members of the general public crowded the docks of the Cunard Line to-day to welcome the great turbine Mauretania in port with enough new ocean records to her credit to make a general revision of maritime history necessary. Captain Pritchard was overwhelmed by friends eager to shower him with felicitations over the record run.

The log of the liner to-day showed that she had been held so steady in her course that she covered exactly, the computed distance for the long trip in four days, 17 hours and 6 minutes. Her average speed an hour, 25.55 knots. She demonstrated that, with summer seas she can land her passengers on Thursday night, or even she gets away from Queenstown on time Sunday.

Her present achievement makes her the flagship of the line. She broke the Lusitania's record for the long course by one hour and forty-six minutes. The record over the short course is still held by the Lusitania; the sister ship to to-day's record smasher. She covered the short route in August, 1908, in 4 days and fifteen hours.

DIED.
FROST—In Shelton, February 18, Sarah A., wife of Walter Frost, aged 45 years.
JEANFAVRE—In Torrington, Feb. 17, Pauline Jeanfavre, aged 74 years.
CONNERY—In Norwalk, Feb. 18, Miss Margaret Connery, of Georgetown, aged 49 years.

A Friend in a Fog.

"In one of the worst London fogs," said an Englishman, "an old friend of mine tried to find his way from Trafalgar square to the Savoy, where he had an engagement to dine.

"The sulphurous air made his eyes smart and his head ache, and it brought on terrific fits of coughing. You could not literally see your hand before your face. There was a continual crashing in of windows, bells jangled, vehicles and foot passengers collided, and shrieks and oaths arose.

"Threading his way in the midst of this pandemonium through the Strand, as he supposed, from Landseer's lions to the waiting dinner at the Savoy, my old friend, to his great bewilderment, soon found himself descending a broad stairway. He put his hand to the balustrade. Yes, a broad and stately stairway with a rail of carved stone. Amazing!

"Suddenly in his descent my friend collided with some one ascending the stairway.

"'Hello!' he said.
"'Hello!' a gruff male voice replied.
"'Can you tell me,' said my friend, 'where I am going?'"
"'Certainly,' said the other. 'If you keep straight on you will walk into the Thames, for I've just come out of it.'"

Effect of Colors on Animals.
The effect of color upon mind is most easily noticeable in dumb animals, because they make no effort to curb or control their emotions. Wave a red flag at a bull and he becomes violently angry. Shake a red shawl in front of a turkey gobbler and he will storm around fearfully. I made an experiment in the country one summer to see if this same fact held true of other animals. On my farm I had an enormously fat, lazy pig that disliked nothing so much as to move. All day long it used to lie asleep in the sunshine, and sometimes even the attraction of food could not budge it. I took a number of pieces of silk of the same quality, but of different shades, and, after waking the pig, waved each strip of silk in front of it. For the blue and green it never moved, but when I waved the red and orange strips it jumped to its feet, stamped about and appeared to be thoroughly angry. Time and again I repeated this experiment and always with the same result.—Frank Alvah Parsons in Good Housekeeping.

Recognized Their Old Friend.
The late Sir John Steel, who was sculptor to Queen Victoria, was modeling a bust of Miss Nightingale when an officer of one of the highland regiments which had suffered so cruelly in the Crimea heard that the bust had just been completed and was in Sir John's studio. Many of the men in his company had passed through the hospital at Scutari, and he obtained permission from the sculptor to bring some of them to see it. Accordingly a squad of men one day marched into the studio and stood in line. They had no idea why they had been mustered in so strange a place. Without a word of warning the bust was uncovered, and then, as by one impulse, the men broke rank and with cries of "Miss Nightingale, Miss Nightingale!" surrounded the model and, with hats off, cheered the figure of their devoted nurse until the roof rang. So spontaneous and hearty and so inspiring was the whole scene that in after days Sir John Steel declared it to be the greatest compliment of his life.

Hard to Kill.
A distinguished entomologist, J. C. Warburg, writes: "When I was still new to collecting, in the south of France I discovered one day, to my great joy, a large female of *Saturalia pyri* hidden away in some bushes. The specimen was the first I had ever caught, and I decided, on account of its large body, to stuff it (a quite unnecessary operation; I have kept dozens since unstuffed). The moth was first apparently killed by being forced into a cyanide bottle, where it was left about an hour. The abdomen was then emptied and the cavity filled with cotton wool soaked in a saturated solution of mercuric chloride. The insect, pinned and set, was discovered next day attempting to fly away from the setting board."

Unappreciated.
The lady killer was boasting of his prowess.
"One girl whom I knew," he said, "actually died for love of me. I was her last thought."
They eyed him malevolently.
"I should think," remarked one of them, "that you might be anybody's last thought!"—New York Times.

Professional Pride.
"I should regret very much to hear that anybody has ever offered money for political influence."
"Yes," answered Mr. Graftwell, "your hearing of it would indicate very crude work on somebody's part."—Washington Star.

The Law of Gravity.
"Silence in the court!" thundered the judge, and the laughter died away.
"Mr. Bailiff," continued the instructions from the bench, "eject the next man who defies the law of gravity."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Seeing Ourselves.
"The man who can pick out the best picture of himself is a rare bird," said a photographer. "Even an author, who is reputedly a poor judge of his own work, exercises vast wisdom in selecting his best book compared with the person who tries to choose his best photograph. Every famous man or woman who has been photographed repeatedly has his favorite picture. Usually it is the worst in the collection. It shows him with an unnatural expression sitting or standing in an unnatural attitude.

"The inability to judge of his best picture must be due to the average man's ignorance as to how he really looks; or perhaps it can be partly attributed to a desire to look other than he does. A stout man will swear that the photograph most nearly like him is one that makes him look thin, a thin man the one that makes him look stout. The solemn man selects the jolliest picture, the jovial man the most cadaverous.

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The Magnet as a Detective.

In America the magnet has come rather extensively into use in the handling of iron and steel castings. Suspended from a locomotive crane, it can also be used for collecting scraps of metal from floors and yards. Large amounts are said to be saved in this way. And as the magnet moves over the ground it may bring to light pieces which have mysteriously disappeared—concealed, it may be, by employees to hide blunders in their work. Some years ago in England the magnet was found useful in a somewhat similar way in the detection of fraud. Manufacturers of bone manure found that they were buying old iron along with the bones. Collectors found that it was profitable to insert bits of old metal in the larger bones and thus increase the weight. So the manufacturers provided themselves with a powerful magnetic apparatus under which all the bones were passed before being weighed. As the bones were slid along a broad groove a large one would suddenly jump up and cling to the wall where the magnet was concealed. On examination it would be found to contain perhaps a rusty old poker in place of marrow.—London Globe.

Carving a Hippopotamus.

To cut up a hippopotamus is no easy task. In some places the hide is almost two and a half inches thick, and before you have got through a hand's breadth your knife has completely lost its edge and requires to be resharpened. The head and the feet are put on one side to be preserved as trophies of the chase, while the remainder of the flesh is cut into long, thin strips, which, after they have been dried by hanging them on the tree branches, will keep good for a very long time. The ivory of the teeth and tusks, which is of very fine quality, used to be employed almost exclusively in the manufacture of false teeth. Nowadays, says the Wide World Magazine, it is turned to all the purposes of ordinary ivory. As for the hide, cut into strips it is made into sticks, which are as good defensive weapons as one could wish to possess. Treated with oil they become transparent as tortoise shell and look quite pretty. Out of hippopotamus hide bullock drivers likewise make things for their whips which are positively everlasting and fetch relatively speaking quite a good price.

A Squid in Hawaii.

In discovering the fallings or eccentricities of a person Hawaiians not only show perspicacity, but an aptness in applying a nickname to the one possessing such characteristics. The politician who changes his faith too

often is called a squid (octopus). One species of this animal is caught by the aid of a torchlight in shallow water. While a bag net is held some distance in front of it, so that it can conveniently run into it and be caught, it is prodded behind by the fisherman's foot. Sometimes the squid will go directly into the trap, but often it will run forward, with every indication of being ensnared, to a point within two feet of the net, when it will suddenly turn about and go back to its starting place. Then it is likely to describe a right, left or oblique angle, always contrary to the fisherman's desire. So in Hawaiian metaphor the politician or candidate who switches from the straight track is a squid.—"Paradise of the Pacific."

The Swaffham Tinker and His Dog.

Two quaint figures are carved on the two top pews and reading desk of Swaffham church. According to legend, a tinker had a dream bidding him go to London bridge and a stranger would reveal to him how to find a pot of money. So off he went with his dog, and at the bridge a stranger stopped him, saying, "Last night I had a dream bidding me go to Swaffham and dig in such and such a place and there find a pot of money, but I don't believe in dreams." Then back went the tinker, dug for and found the pot as described and also an inscription bidding him dig deeper, which he did, and found another, and with them restored Swaffham church. The carvings were put up to perpetuate his memory.—London Strand.

The Interview.

As used nowadays by the newspapers the word interview is said to have been the invention of Joseph McCullagh of St. Louis, and, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, it became popular in England in the early nineties. But it was known before that. A writer on the subject in the Nation of 1890 was possibly the first to use the word in its present sense of a talk with a representative of the press.—Chicago News.

Vicarious Osculation.

He was having some words with her chapman.
"I'll kiss her right under your nose!" he said defiantly.
"Oh, well," said that lady, "vicarious kissing like that I can see no objection to."—Boston Transcript.

Plausible.

Inscrutable Magistrate—Officer, why did you bring this prisoner up before me? Can't you see he's deaf as a doornail? Policeman—Oh was told yerd give him a hearing, sor.—Judge.

One Way of Putting It.

"Although he goes to the club every night, he's always happy when it's time to go home."
"In other words, he doesn't go home till he's happy. Is that it?"—Exchange.

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